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National Intelligence Council

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: George Kolt
National Intelligence Officer for Europe

SUBJECT: SNIE 27.1-86: The Fragmentation of Portuguese Politics
and the Presidential Election (Fast-Track)

1. Thanks to the good work of [redacted] of DDI/EURA we completed the draft over the weekend and are on schedule for presentation to the NFIB on Thursday, 16 January.

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2. We agree with the SRP's suggestion in paragraph 2c of their memo. We shall insert a schematic showing the voting and Parliamentary strengths of the various parties arranged from left to right, and the two most recent Parliamentary elections. We shall also add thumbnail biographies and photos of the principal political actors. We disagree, however, with other SRP suggestions. To go into the details recommended in paragraph 2b (more than we now have on the powers of the President in our paragraph 2) and in paragraph 3 of their memo (more on "debt, trade, terrorist controls, access, transit, and base rights") would give policymakers more than they want to know right now while diluting and most likely delaying the information they need urgently. For interested readers, however, we shall add a reference to the recently published IA on Portugal: Prospects for Increased Political Uncertainty (January 1986) which goes into some of the areas discussed by the SRP. Because we want to maintain the SNIE roughly within current parameters we also believe that it does not need a Key Judgments section: The SNIE as currently written is already shorter than the Key Judgments of most SNIEs.

3. I shall begin coordinating the text at the representative level at 0900, Tuesday, 14 January and plan to have the revised text to you on 15 January.


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Draft F-T SNIE 27.1-86

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Senior Review Panel

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Chairman, National Intelligence Council
NIO for Europe

SUBJECT: Senior Review Panel Comments on Draft
SNIE 27.2-86: The Fragmentation of
Portuguese Politics and the Presidential
Election (Fast-Track), dtd 12 Jan 1986

1. The Panel's quick reaction to the draft is that it usefully conveys three messages: (a) Portuguese politics are in a newly fluid state; (b) US-Portuguese ties will on balance probably remain good; (c) the conduct of our relations will be more troublesome in the period ahead.

2. We appreciate the speed, and applaud the brevity, with which the paper has been prepared. But we think the paper would be improved if:

a. a brief Key Judgments section were included;

b. a summary box clarified the Portuguese political system for the benefit of non-specialists--i.e., presidential term, something more on his powers, and some amplification of the statement that he "will likely be a key player in the next parliamentary election" (page 3, paragraph 4);

c. a schematic on Portugal's parties: orientation, stand on major issues, present Parliamentary seats, previous voting strengths, and thumbnail biographies of the candidates.

3. Finally, in the concluding section on "Implications for the United States" and elsewhere, the terms "American-oriented"

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and "European-oriented" seem to us a bit ambiguous. Could these be supplemented by more specific application to our major interests and problems in Portugal--debt, trade, terrorist controls, access, transit, and base rights?



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cc: VC/NIC (Mr. Ford)
VC/NIC (Mr. Fuller)

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